

Wayne Ballet & Center for Dance Arts- Update to Covid Safety Plan

effective July 1st, 2021

With collective progress in combatting COVID-19, Pennsylvania, in accordance with CDC guidelines has lifted restrictions for fully vaccinated individuals in most indoor and outdoor settings. **As a result, starting on July 1st Wayne Ballet students and faculty who are fully vaccinated may discontinue use of masks in their dance classes *only after proof of vaccination has been emailed to wayneballet@gmail.com*.** Fully vaccinated individuals are considered to be those who have received their final COVID-19 vaccination 2 weeks (14 days) ago. If you do not meet this requirement you are not considered vaccinated and must continue to wear a mask in the building.

We will continue to implement pre-cautionary measures in order to keep our dancers and faculty safe including hand sanitizer, sanitizing surfaces, distancing, and continuing to limit individuals in the building to dancers only. Any parents who enter the building to assist young students will be asked to mask- no exceptions.

We understand that even vaccinated individuals may feel more comfortable masking. All dancers and families, regardless of vaccinated status and beliefs, are welcome at Wayne Ballet! Parents, we ask that you take a moment and speak with your dancers (young and mature) about accepting and supporting their classmates, whether masked or unmasked.

As a reminder all students and parents should continue to be diligent about their health. Self-assessments before coming to class and staying home if feeling sick are still of utmost importance! If any student finds out they have been exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccinated status, Wayne Ballet should be informed immediately so that we may take the appropriate action. We will always do our best to keep names anonymous.

Please see our detailed safety plan for information on the daily precautions we will implement to continue to keep our entire Wayne Ballet family safe while dancing together this summer!

Safety Plan Outline

1. Drop off
 1. **All students over the age of 5 should be dropped off by either the front or side door.** Only parents of students under 5 years old are permitted to enter the building to assist with getting ready, and are not permitted to linger in the lobby areas while class is in session. All parents/guardians entering the building must be masked regardless of vaccination status.
2. Inside the building
 1. **All unvaccinated students must wear masks for the entirety of the time they are inside including when entering the building, while taking class, and while exiting the building.** There will be no exceptions to this rule.
 2. **Only students and faculty who have provided proof of vaccinated status to wayneballet@gmail.com are permitted to be unmasked in the building.**
 3. Anti-bacterial stations will be set up at the entrance of each classroom and all dancers will be required to sanitize their hands before entering the classroom.
 4. Students will be given an assigned barre spot upon entering the classroom. For our younger ballet classes where a barre is not utilized, spots will be pre-marked and spaced out on the studio floor with vinyl tape/decals.

5. Students will be assigned to small groups for center work & those groups will be spaced out on the floor to avoid close contact.
 6. Whenever possible all windows in the studio will be open to encourage fresh air flow.
 7. **Class size will be limited to 12 students maximum during this time.** Any registrations beyond that number will be placed on a wait list.
 8. We have left a 15 minute window between each class on the schedule. During this time Wayne Ballet faculty will wipe down all surfaces to prepare a sanitized environment for the next class.
3. Food, drinks, etc.
 1. Use of the water fountains will not be permitted. Students are to bring their own water bottle to class, and keep that water bottle at their assigned barre spot or on the benches with their belongings. Water bottles left in the studio will be thrown away to avoid the spread of germs.
 2. No food, snacks, or open drink containers are to be brought into the building for any reason.
 4. Bathrooms
 1. If a student needs to use the bathroom facilities during class, he/she will be responsible for sanitizing surfaces after each use. Cleaning products will be supplied. (Parents of younger students should speak to them about washing hands thoroughly when using the rest room). These areas will also be disinfected periodically by our staff.
 2. Wayne Ballet will monitor the supply of bathroom products, but students should inform faculty/staff if bathroom products need to be replaced including toilet paper, paper towels, soap, lysol, sanitizing wipes, etc.
 5. Pick up
 1. Students will use the hand sanitizer station on the way out of the classroom.
 2. **Students will not be permitted to gather in groups in the lobby area.** Please plan to arrive 5 minutes early for pick up to help us keep lobby areas clear of congestion. Parents of younger dancers may wait outside the exterior door in a mask to “pick up” their student.

Questions should be directed to wayneballet@gmail.com or 610-688-3904

Thank you,

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